

# FAST TRACK

Club Newsletter Featuring America's Favorite Sports Car

## Corvettes West

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## CELEBRATE FALL



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN





Corvettes West  
General meetings  
are held the first  
**TUESDAY** of the month  
at 6pm  
at Riverside Elks  
Lodge #643  
6166 Brockton Ave.  
Riverside, 92506  
Dinner 6:00 PM  
Meeting 7:00 PM

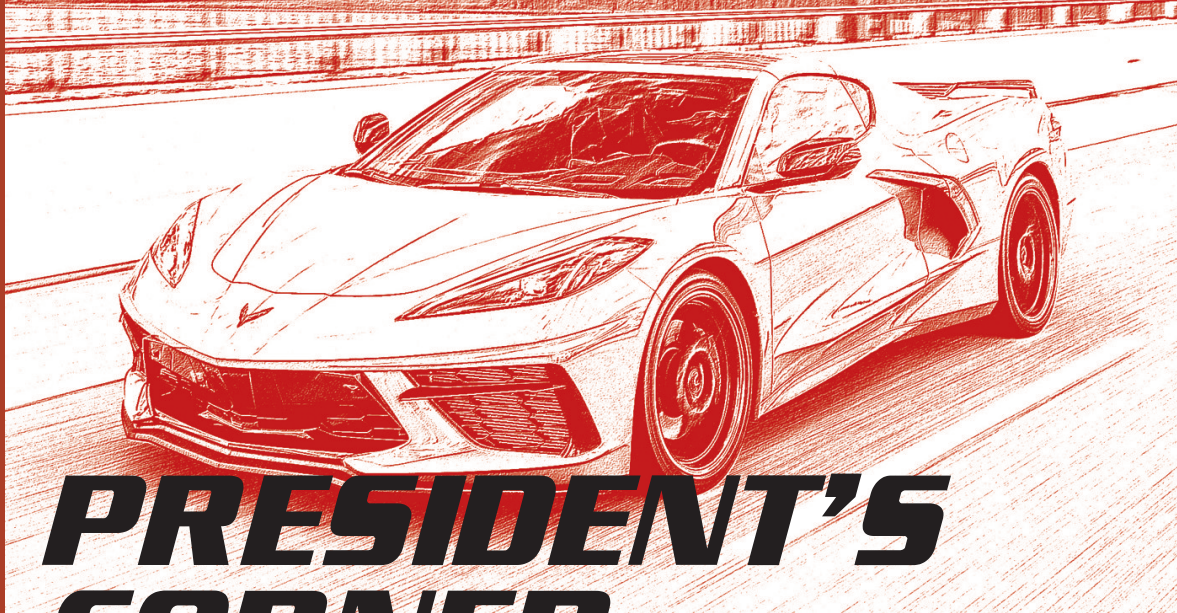
Our Business meetings  
are held on Monday  
before the general  
meeting via ZOOM.

Fast Track articles  
are due by the 18th  
of each month.

They may be hand  
delivered to George Swift  
or emailed to  
[corvettenews@gmail.com](mailto:corvettenews@gmail.com)  
Email is preferred

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

SHARON WING.....	02
FRED RANSOM.....	04
CHARLIE BREWSTER.....	09
JACKIE LYON.....	10
DAN FLANIGAN.....	12
DIANA BLACKLEDGE.....	15
DOTTIE LAGRECA.....	17
JOHN BLACKLEDGE.....	19
CRAIG CLARK.....	22
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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Monty Clark

### Hello fellow Corvette lovers.

Well, we had a great meeting in September at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Riverside. The food was delicious and the wait staff took very good care of us. We had a couple of potential new members also show up. When you are out and about, I encourage you to talk to anyone you see in a Corvette and invite them to a club meeting. We always need new members.

We have several high school homecomings over the next couple of months. What we do is drive the homecoming queen and her court around the football track. It is an easy gig that we get paid for and you don't have to have a convertible to participate. This is one of our main fundraisers for the year since we were not able to do the car show. We use these funds to donate to the multiple charities we support every year. So please, if you can, let George Swift know what homecomings you can support.

During October and November, we will be taking nominations for those that want to run for office. This is a great opportunity for those of you that want to do a little more with the club. I would really like to ask that someone volunteer to give George

Swift some relief. He handles all of the homecomings, parades, newsletter and the website. I know we also need a secretary, however I'm sure there will be many more positions available. Let's all share a little responsibility to keep this wonderful club going.

If you've never been to Peggy Sue's 50's diner you really missed out. We had 16 members make the drive, INCLUDING THREE C8's, and we enjoyed some great food in this iconic diner. The walls are covered with cool pictures of famous people and there's even a poster of Rick MacGillivray. I won't tell you where it is, you'll have to find it for yourself. Going back to the C8's. Boy those things are really eye catchers. Phil Emerson and Randy and Joan Redden are obviously very proud of their new rides, but Dan Flanigan...Dan Flanigan...I don't think his feet ever stopped dancing around. He looked like a boy that just got his first bicycle. Luckily Elaine was there to keep him under control.

It is such a pleasure being part of this wonderful club. Jenni and I look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings and upcoming events.

Monty



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# SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

My recent visit to Tom Bell's showroom revealed that they have two (2) C8's there. Unfortunately one of the two was already sold. The remaining C8 is a yellow car and was displayed with the roof panel removed. Staff also indicated that there were 2 more cars coming.

On the previously owned lot, Tom Bell has a 2008 coupe with automatic transmission.

As far as Camaros go, they have 11 new Camaros. On the previously owned lot, they have one (1) Coupe. A 2013 with 22K miles on the clock.

Staff indicated that the Corvette Factory as well as the Camaro Factory were shut down until October 4th. The shutdown is due to the factories being unable to get the necessary parts to build cars.

If you need service on any of your vehicles, please take your vehicle(s) to Tom Bell's Service Department. And when you do this, please let the service writer know, at the time of writeup, that you are a Corvettes West member so you will receive the club discount. While waiting for your service to be completed, stroll into the parts department where you will find a nice selection of die-cast cars and trucks in a variety of sizes.

## Bill Dodge

Sponsor's

Representative

## HOMEcomings/PARADES

**Linfield High School**.....October 1st .....10 cars

**Montclair High School** .....October 8th .....5 Cars

**Rancho Cucamonga High School** .....October 8th .....10 cars

**Colton High School** .....October 29th .....20 Cars

**Yucaipa Christmas Parade**.....December 11th .....10 cars



# Evently Speaking

*Kristi Richardson*

Thanks to everyone who made it out to Peggy Sue's Diner in Yermo recently. It was a great drive up the I-15 as we could fully step on the throttle and let the Corvettes run! Monty & Jenny were the first ones up, we were second in the Buick. Hmmm. Several of us splurged on a piece of pie with our dinners as they were on display in the Rotating Pie case to tempt us. Excellent!

As suggested by a faithful member, let's go to Cracker Barrel in Rialto on Saturday, Oct. 23. Meet at 1:30 at the San Bernardino Target on Orange if you want to

caravan. I know several members may want to go there directly, Cracker barrel 1080 W. Renaissance Parkway, Rialto, just off the 210 Fwy. At the Ayala exit. This restaurant does not take reservations and we all must be there to be seated. We will shoot for 2 p.m. As always, let me know if you plan to attend. Phone (951) 545-1006 Email: kristirichards325@gmail.com

Have a Happy Harvest Season!

**Stay Cool! Kristi & Ron**

## *Helping Hands*

Fall might be here- yes? No AC on today ( Sept. 27). Very encouraging, I'd say.

We joined in for a very good run to Peggy Sue's Diner this past Saturday. I guess you could say that we were the "vintage" car in the group, as we have a C5, and all the other Corvettes were either C7 or C8. We were the only white car, though! 😎

I think it's possible that one or more of our scholarship recipients will be at the Oct. meeting. That would be really nice! I won't be there as I'm going on a week's trip w two former AF wives. We have very nice

husbands ( Rick) who put up with us doing this. ( This year it's to Bar Harbor, Maine for a Road Scholar travel group trip, which includes Acadia Nat'l Park. See, very educational! ) ...If the scholarship winners do attend, I'm sure it would be great to hear about their schooling & plans in the automotive field.

Happy fall, y'all!!!

**Sharon MacGillivray**



# Vice President CORNER

*Dan Flanigan*



What a great month September was, and I guess I feel that way because my C8 Convertible finally arrived on the 24th, and I am one excited OLD GUY, that's feeling young again! This may be the last one as it is getting harder to get in and out as we all know! LOL

What is so nice is that it arrived just in time to make the run up to Peggy Sue's along with 2 other C8's for our first test drive. It sure road nice and it has some major "Getty Up". Had the top down on the way up there and Elaine never complained about her hair being messed up which was really amazing in itself.

She even wanted me to leave it down on the way back but I put it up anyway. I have to say GM did a great with this C8 on how quiet it was cruising along on the freeway.

This car as features that I will probably never figure but I do have a couple of Grand Kids that could probably help me! LOL At least I know how to get in and out and raise and lower the top which are the important features! LOL! A big Thanks to Kristi & Ron for putting together the run up to Peggy Sue's.

I did learn one thing and that's when these Vette hit the freeway and we are not caravanning they are gone. We got caught at the signal just leaving Target and we never saw the front group until we got to the restaurant!

Speaking of the Restaurant, the food and desserts were very good but I learned you are not allowed to move the center tables together so more people could chat as I got shut down for even thinking about such a move! The manager had to

come over to calm be down and explain the reason why we couldn't do that! I felt bad because that meant Kristi and Ron had to eat by themselves and they planned this outing!

I am looking forward to my first Homecoming in the C8 and I think I have it figured out how to make this work sitting between the two Nacelles and then over a little of the rear window that doesn't go down all the way.

I can't wait to hear where our outing for October will be so I can get her out on the road again! See everyone on the 5th.

**Dan Flanigan**  
Vice President

**For Sale - C6 Rear Facia wall hanging.  
Full scale with working lights.  
Previously owned by Bob Miller.**

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Mike Miller (559) 281-6453**



**The Answers to trivia  
Questions will be  
in next month's  
newsletter**



## *Fourth Generation c4's*

**What was the first year  
for the C4?**

- ☐ 1982
- ☐ 1983
- ☐ 1984
- ☐ 1985

**What type of manual  
transmission did 1984 C4  
have?**

- ☐ 4 Speed
- ☐ 5 Speed
- ☐ 6 Speed
- ☐ 4 + 3 Speed

**What size wheels did the  
1994 C4 have**

- ☐ 15 inch
- ☐ 16 inch
- ☐ 17 inch
- ☐ 18 inch

**What was the name of the  
1985 fuel injection called?**

- ☐ Cross Fire
- ☐ Tune Port
- ☐ Direct
- ☐ Indirect

**What was the only year you  
could get a factory CB Radio?**

- ☐ 1985
- ☐ 1986
- ☐ 1987
- ☐ 1988

**What year did the  
convertible return?**

- ☐ 1984
- ☐ 1985
- ☐ 1986
- ☐ 1987

**What was the first year  
Corvette offered the anti-  
lock brake system? (ABS)**

- ☐ 1983
- ☐ 1984
- ☐ 1985
- ☐ 1986

**Was was the first year for  
the Aluminium cylinder  
heads?**

- ☐ 1985
- ☐ 1986
- ☐ 1987
- ☐ 1988

**What was the first year  
for the roller camshaft?**

- ☐ 1985
- ☐ 1986
- ☐ 1987
- ☐ 1988

**What is the Anniversary year  
for the 1988 Corvette**

- ☐ 30th Anniversary
- ☐ 33rd Anniversary
- ☐ 34th Anniversary
- ☐ 35th Anniversary

### **C4 Trivia**

The "C4" was the longest and widest Corvette to date. Compared to the 1953 original, the new Vettes were almost 10 inches longer, four inches wider, and about 400 pounds heavier. They were also about \$20,000 more expensive.

In 1986, the average new car now costs \$12,530, nearly half the base price \$27,027 of new Corvette coupe. Still have room in the budget? Consider adding the \$1025 leather sport seats and the \$895 Bose audio system.





As I indicated in the last FastTrack newsletter, the Blood Bank is in fact moving its donation center from Orangeshow Road to Hospitality Lane. The processing lab will remain in the current building and expand to encompass what was the donation area. I have not been able to find out what the moving date is. But I can tell you that it's official opening is October 20th. The new location is 420 East Hospitality Lane, Suites A7 and A8 in San Bernardino. I do not have a phone number for the new location yet.

The Blood Bank is still giving away shirts and beach towels when you donate. For September and October the shirts are red and for November and December the shirts are a dark grey. This give away most likely will continue at the new facility.

The Club's next donation date will be October 2nd and will probably will take place at the current facility. The following Club donation date will be December 4th and will be at the new facility. Please put these dates on your

calendars and be sure to show up and occupy your chair while you donate and save some one's life.

The Blood Bank is reserving a recliner for you when you donate. It will be clean and you will be comfortable while you give hope, give life, and most of all, give blood. When you go to the Blood Bank, please wear a mask. Should you forget your mask, the Blood Bank has one for you.

"FIND THE HERO IN YOU" and save a life by donating.

Save the Wave by saving the Waver

**Bill Dodge**

"What we say is important, but what we do defines us, especially the things we do for other people simply because we can". Jordan Bohannon February 26, 2018  
Iowa University Basket Ball Player.

**Be someone's hero. DONATE.**

### BLOOD BANK CENTERS ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

San Bernardino .....	Phone: 909-885-6503 .....	384 West Orangeshow Road
Ontario.....	Phone: 909-987-3158.....	1959 East Fourth Street
La Quinta .....	Phone: 760-777-8844.....	79-215 Corporate Centre Drive
Riverside .....	Phone: 951-687-2530 .....	4006 Van Buren Blvd.
Victorville .....	Phone: 760-843-9700.....	12520 Business Center Drive
Murrieta .....	Phone: 951-973-7777.....	40365 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite 1
Rancho Mirage.....	Phone: 760-797-8496 .....	42390 Bob Hope Dr., Suite 1B
Moreno Valley Mall .....		Top Floor, Next to the JC Penney



# Drive & Dine





# Corvettes West

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## 2022 Membership/ Renewal

November 1st, 2021 Through October 31, 2022

Membership dues are \$100.00 for a period of one year, due November 1st. This includes a spouse, significant other, or designee and NCCC memberships. Renewal dues postmarked after November 1st will be considered delinquent and member will be assessed an additional \$10.00. New members are prorated. Complete application in its entirety. Do not indicate "same as before." **(If your NCCC is through another club, your dues are \$70.00)**

**Please print. Mail this form and a check for \$100.00 or \$110.00 made out to "Corvettes West"**  
**Mail to: Corvettes West, P.O. Box 56837 Riverside, CA 92517**

### MEMBERS' INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Month & Day) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Designee \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Month & Day) \_\_\_\_\_  
Current NCCC# (Yours) \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse/Designee) \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you hear about us? ☐ Website ☐ Event ☐ Member ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you owned a Corvette before?** ☐ Yes ☐ No. If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Corvette(s):** Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible  
Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible Do you still own: ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible Do you still own: ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible Do you still own: ☐ Yes ☐ No

**OTHER CLUBS?** Name(s) of other Corvette clubs to which you belong:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ NCCC# \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ NCCC# \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERESTS?** List events or activities that would be of interest to you:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

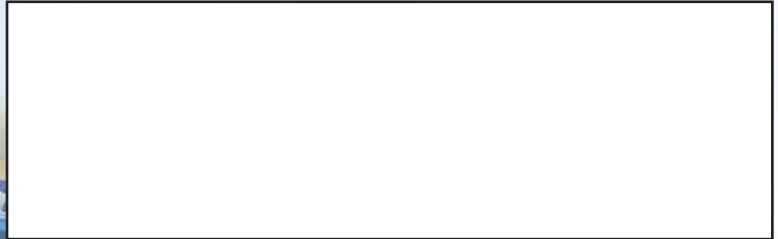


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